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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR JAPANESE PARTICIPATION ON THE NRC POWER BURST FACILITY (PBF) RESEARCH PROGRAM AND FOR NRC PARTICIPATION IN THE JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S (JAERI) NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH REACTOR (NSRR) PROGRAM.

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR SIGNING OF NRC-JAERI AGREEMENT FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION INVOLVING UNCLASSIFIED

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NRC'S PBF PROGRAM AND JAERI'S NSRR PROGRAM AT A TIME AND

PLACE COMPATIBLE WITH SCHEDULE NOTED IN REFTEL A.

2. SUGGEST SIGNING NOT TAKE PLACE DURING DISCUSSION OF NSRR-PBF AGREEMENT NOTED IN REFTEL B. PREFERABLY, SIGNING OF AGREEMENT SHOULD INVOLVE ONLY APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS.

3. TWO SIGNATURE "ORIGINALS" OF AGREEMENT BEING AIR POUCHED TO EMBASSY, FEBRUARY 25, ATTENTION SCICON

4. ACCEPTABLE FIRST DRAFT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH

COULD BE RELEASED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WASHINGTON AND TOKYO. IF ACCEPTABLE TO JAERI FOLLOWS: U.S. AND JAPAN SIGN AGREEMENT TO SHARE PARTICIPATION IN REACTOR SAFETY EXPERIMENTS.

5. THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) AND THE JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (JAERI) HAVE SIGNED A FOUR-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN THE NRC'S POWER BURST FACILITY RESEARCH PROGRAM.

6. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR TECHNICAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ALSO ALLOWS U.S. PARTICIPATION IN JAERI'S NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH REACTOR PROGRAM.

7. SIGNING THE AGREEMENT ON MARCH ----- WERE NRC COMMISSIONER EDWARD A. MASON AND EIJI MUNAKATA, PRESIDENT OF THE JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

8. UNDER THE RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT, JAERI WILL TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF TESTS AT THE POWER BURST FACILITY WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EXPERIMENTAL DATA FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE BEHAVIOR OF POWER REACTOR FUEL RODS UNDER POSTULATED ACCIDENTS. JAERI ALSO WILL CONDUCT A SERIES OF FUEL ROD BEHAVIOR TESTS IN ITS NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH REACTOR LOCATED IN TOKAI.

9. SCIENTISTS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO EACH OTHER'S INSTALLATIONS TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE TESTS AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS AND PROGRAM REVIEW OF EACH  
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OTHER'S EXPERIMENTS.

10. THE AGREEMENT WITH JAERI WAS NEGOTIATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, THE ENERGY COOPERATION ARM OF THE 19-NATION, PARIS-BASED ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT. BOTH JAPAN AND THE U.S. ARE MEMBERS OF THE IEA AND OECD.

11. THE POWER BURST FACILITY IS LOCATED AT ENERGY RESEARCH  
& DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION'S IDAHO NATIONAL ENGINEERING  
LABORATORY NEAR IDAHO FALLS. KISSINGER

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